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SUBJECT: SELA TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP MEETING

REF: A) PANAMA 5656; B) PANAMA 5856 (NOTAL)

1. SELA WORKING GROUP WHICH MET HERE SINCE SEPTEMBER 15
ADJOURNED ON SEPTEMBER 26 WITHOUT ISSUING FORMAL COMMUNIQUE.
FEW DETAILS WERE RELEASED REGARDING WHAT LOCAL PRESS REFERRED
TO AS APPROVED DRAFT ACCORD, SAID TO CONTAIN 40 ARTICLES: SELA
WILL BE A PERMANENT INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC
AND SOCIAL CONSULTATION, COOPERATION, AND PROMO-

TION, WITH THREE PRINCIPAL ORGANS TO BE 1) LATIN AMERICAN
COUNCIL, TO MEET ANNUALLY AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL OR MORE OFTEN
AT REQUEST OF ONE THIRD OF MEMBERS; 2) ACTION COMMITTEES; AND
3) PERMANENT SECRETARIAT. REGULAR MINISTERIAL SESSION OF
COUNCIL WILL BE PRECEDED BY PREPARATORY MEETING. SITE FOR
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PERMANENT SECRETARIAT IS NOT YET DECIDED.

2. A PANAMANIAN PARTICIPANT IN DISCUSSION TOLD EMBOFF THAT

SOME DELEGATIONS STILL HAD RESERVATIONS REGARDING CERTAIN
ARTICLES OF DRAFT ACCORD AND THAT WORKING GROUP WAS PREPARED
TO RESUME DELIBERATIONS ON THREE DAYS NOTICE IF REQUIRED, ALTHOUGH
MINISTERIAL SESSION WAS STILL EXPECTED TO CONVENE IN PANAMA ON
OCTOBER 15. FOREIGN OFFICE HAS ALSO CONFIRMED TO US THAT THIS
DATE IS CONSIDERED FIRM.
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